

**Abstract****Electronic virtual components description import in intranet catalogs**

5 The system comprises at least one corporate electronic virtual component intranet target catalog, and an external import portal with a buffer catalog. The target and buffer catalogs are compatible well structured XML catalogs, having the same infrastructure and containing electronic virtual components information described  
10 therein by XML meta data in predefined corporate formats. The buffer catalog of the external import portal is accessible to electronic virtual components suppliers for upload, update or modification of the electronic virtual components XML meta data. The corresponding XML meta data in the predefined format are transferred automatically from the buffer catalog to the target catalog, thus constituting an  
15 image catalog for use only within the firewall protected intranet environment.